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SUBJECT: VOA RELOCATION

1. FONMIN DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS YAMAZAKI CALLED IN CHARGE JANUARY 23 FOR LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF U.S. PLANS RELATING TO TERMINATION OF VOICE OF AMERICA OPERATIONS ON OKINAWA BY MAY 15, 1977. IN REVIEW OF ALL POTENTIAL PROBLEMS GOJ SEES DURING CLOSE-OUT, YAMAZAKI'S GREATEST CONCERN WAS THAT DELETION OF PHILIPPINE BASE CONSTRUCTION FUNDS FROM PRESIDENT'S FY-77 BUDGET REQUEST SHOULD NOT OPEN WAY FOR REQUEST FOR EXTENSION ON OKINAWA.

2. CHARGE REPEATEDLY ASSURED YAMAZAKI THAT VOA WOULD CEASE BROADCASTING OPERATIONS BY MAY 15, 1977 IN ACCORDANCE WITH REVERSION AGREEMENT. IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTION, CHARGE SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF EXTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS WE WILL NOT TRY TO INVOKE "UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES" CLAUSE IN ATTEMPT TO ASK FOR EXTENSION, EVEN THOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THERE WILL BE A GAP IN TIME BEFORE REPLACEMENT FACILITIES BECOME OPERATIONAL. YAMAZAKI SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THIS ASSURANCE IN WRITING.

3. EMBASSY PROPOSES THEREFORE TO SEND FOLLOWING LETTER

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FROM DCM TO YAMAZAKI: BEGIN QUOTE

DEAR MR. YAMAZAKI: THIS WILL CONFIRM OUR CONVERSATION OF JANUARY 23 IN WHICH I ASSURED YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO CEASE BROADCASTING OPERATIONS OF THE VOICE OF AMERICA IN OKINAWA BY MAY 15, 1977, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OKINAWA REVERSION AGREEMENT, EVEN THOUGH FACILITIES FOR RELOCATION MAY NOT BE COMPLETED BY THAT TIME. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU ADVISED ABOUT OUR PROGRESS ON RELOCATION. END QUOTE

4. WE PROPOSE TO SEND THIS LETTER JANUARY 30 UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE THAT DATE.

5. YAMAZAKI'S CONCERNS ABOUT POTENTIAL PROBLEMS IN THE PHASE-OUT OF VOA ARE REPORTED IN SEPARATE TELEGRAM TO USIA. HE MADE IT PLAIN THAT GOJ WILL LOOK FOR EARLY ADVICE ON THESE MATTERS FROM USIA, SO THAT JOINT PLANNING ON CLOSE-OUT CAN BEGIN, AND POLITICAL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEMS CAN BE MINIMIZED.
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